



**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2800**

**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Goro NAKATANI et al.

Application No.: 10/043,276

Filed: January 14, 2003

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
THE SAME**

Confirmation No.: 4701

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Junghwa M. Im

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2005, the period for response to which extends through March 14, 2006 (the finality of the previous Office Action having been withdrawn) and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.